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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF CHICAGO TRIBUNE PARTY TO MIDDLE EAST

1. IN CASE ADDRESSEES HAVE NOT BEEN OTHERWISE INFORMED WE
ARE QUOTING BELOW A TELEX MESSAGE RECEIVED BY BECHTEL CORPORATION'S
SENIOR EXECUTIVE IN SAUDI ARABIA CONCERNING THE MID-MAY VISIT
TO THE MIDDLE EAST OF A HIGH LEVEL CHICAGO TRIBUNE DELEGATION

LED BY PUBLISHER STANTON R. COOK. BECHTEL AND ARAMCO EXECUTIVES
STILL HAVE ONLY LIMITED INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DELEGATION,
BUT THEY UNDERSTAND SAUDI AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON ALI REZA IS
SUPPORTING STRONGLY.

2. THE TELEX, SENT BY BECHTEL PRESIDENT AND FORMER SECRETARY
OF TREASURY GEORGE SHULTZ, READS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE PARTY WILL BE ARRIVING FROM
CAIRO VIA PRIVATE FALCON REGISTRATION NUMBER N435T ON
MAY 15, AND ARE MOST PLEASED TO ACCEPT BECHTEL/ARAMCO
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OFFER FOR ACCOMMODATIONS, BRIEFING, AND ASSISTANCE WITH
GOVERNMENT APPOINTMENTS.

THEY WILL BE DEPARTING FOR ABU DHABI MAY 18 OR POSSIBLY
MAY 19.

FOLLOWING ARE THE NAMES AND TITLES OF THE PARTY:

STANTON R. COOK, PUBLISHER OF THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE AND CHAIRMAN AND
CEO OF THE TRIBUNE COMPANY

CLAYTON KIRKPATRICK, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

JAMES YUENGER, ROVING FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

WILLIAM NEIKIRK, NATIONAL ECONOMIC CORRESPONDENT

ANTHONY BERARDI, CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER

RICHARD PRENDERGAST, CREWMAN

JOSEPH ZAUG, CREWMAN

JULIUS SCHEIRERMANN, CREWMAN

MR. COOK ALSO IS AN ACCOMPLISHED PHOTOGRAPHER IN HIS OWN RIGHT
AND NO DOUBT WILL BE INTERESTED IN TAKING AND RECEIVING
PICTURES.

JUNGERS SUGGESTS APPOINTMENTS BE SOUGHT WITH AS MANY OF THE
TOP SAUDI OFFICIALS AS POSSIBLE, INCLUDING KING KHALID. HE
ESPECIALLY RECOMMENDS AMIR FAHAD, WMIR SAUD, AMIR TURKI, GOSAIBI,
AND YAMNAI, SINCE IT IS OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE THAT THESE PEOPLE BE
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GIVEN V.I.P. TREATMENT. THEY COULD BE ESPECIALLY HELPFUL IN
FURTHERING UNDERSTANDING OF THE SAUDIS BOTH IN THE U.S.A.
AND ELSEWHERE.

AS APPROPRIATE, WE SHOULD ALSO GET THE VISITORS TO AS
MANY BECHTEL PROJECTS AS FEASIBLE.

PLEASE WIRE CONFIRMATION THAT ALL IS SET IN ARAMCO.

REGARDS,
G.P. SHULTZ UNQUOTE

3. ARAMCO HAS OFFERED TO ACCOMMODATE PARTY AT ITS V.I.P.
GUEST HOUSE AND TO GIVE CUSTOMARY HIGH-LEVEL BRIEFING ON
ARAMCO ACTIVITIES. CONSULATE HAS NOT AS YET BEEN ASKED TO
OFFER ANY ASSISTANCE, AND ARAMCO VICE PRESIDENT FOR PUBLIC
AFFAIRS EXPECT THAT SAUDI MINISTER OF INFORMATION WILL BE
ASKED TO MAKE THE SAG APPOINTMENTS.
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